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SUBJECT: TED KOPPEL INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER -
PART 3

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KOPPEL: BECAUSE KISSINGER AND THE POLICY OF DETENTE HAVE
BEEN SO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH ONE ANOTHER, THE DANGER
EXISTS THAT, AS KISSINGER'S POPULARITY FAILS, THE POLICY
MAY SUFFER.

SENATOR JACKSON: (IN FILM CLIP) I HAVE NOTICED IN THE LAST
FIVE MONTHS THAT THE PUBLIC IS TURNING AGAINST HIM; THEY
THINK THAT HE HAS FAILED TO DRIVE THE KIND OF BARGAIN THAT
ENDURES WITH THE RUSSIANS.

QUESTIONER: (SAME JACKSON CLIP) AND HOW IS HOLDING UP WITH
RESPECT TO CONGRESS?

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SEN. JACKSON: SLIPPING.

KOPPEL: RIGHTLY OR WRONG, THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS
BECOME A POLITICAL ISSUE. AND HE KNOWS THAT IT MAY AFFECT
A POLICY THAT HE CONSIDERS INDISPENSIBLE.

KISSINGER: I CHAFE AT TURNING AN ISSUE THAT INVOLVES
THE LIFE AND DEATH OF TENS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS INTO
A SLOGAN. AND THAT TOTALLY CONFUSES THE REALITIES OF THE
WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE WITH THE ALLEDGED PREFERENCES OF
INDIVIDUALS OR ADMINISTRATIONS.

KOPPEL: BUT KISSINGER ALSO KNOWS THAT FOR THE REMAINDER
OF THIS YEAR DOMESTIC POLICY RULES OUT ANY REAL U.S.
FLEXIBILITY TOWARD THE SOVIETS -- ESPECIALLY IN A NEW
ARMS AGREEMENT. THE ADMINISTRATION WILL TRY TO NURSE
DETENTE THROUGH THIS ELECTION YEAR; BUT EVEN IF A SALT
AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AFTER ANOTHER ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS,
IT MOST PROBABLY WON'T BE SENT TO CONGRESS UNTIL AFTER
THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER.

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